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1. The F.B.I. has agreed to investigate CIG personnel by open F.B.I. investigations, and with the use of the F.B.I. credentials. They have not agreed to perform undercover investigations and Mr. Rosen and Mr. Callan, who represented the F.B.I. during conference held yesterday on above subject, would not agree to perform this type investigation. Therefore, it will be necessary to use some other means for making undercover investigations. At the present time there are four cases of this type awaiting action and indications are that there will be many more in the near future.

2. In view of above facts, it is necessary that something be done immediately in order that Office of Special Operations may properly execute their assigned missions.

3. As I see the situation now, there are two possible approaches to this problem:

- a. To [REDACTED]
- b. To establish our own investigative section.

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Of these, the first seems to be most logical and the one that is more likely to succeed. [REDACTED] has been performing this function for SSU for the past two years with excellent results, and [REDACTED] feel that the services rendered by [REDACTED] surpass the services we may expect from any person we may get to replace him.

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4. The second approach to the problem may be considered, but it is my belief that it will prove not practicable for the following reasons:

a. The operation will be on such a small scale that it will not be practicable to strategically locate agents throughout the United States and thereby excess travel expenses and problems will be incurred.

b. The recruiting of qualified agents would be a major problem and involve quite an expenditure in salaries as well as in travel.

c. Any other agents obtained should be approved by F.B.I. and this is not desirable due to obvious reasons.

d. The person to run this show must obviously be an expert and the question is: "Where will we get him." The F.B.I. would not recommend [REDACTED] who has previously been mentioned for the job.

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5. It is therefore recommended that General Vandenberg have a talk with [REDACTED] before the contract is terminated, if that is at all possible. We have in our files a letter from a Mr. W. F. Seery, Chairman, Employment Committee of the Society of Former Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This might be a source for procuring agents, but I have been told that the President of this Society, before he places a new applicant, checks with [REDACTED] to see if he can use him. In my opinion, this matter should be given more consideration before the contract is terminated.

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